

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend Paragraph 37 in the following manner:

In one embodiment, the supplier has agreed to maintain a predetermined number or amount of the material in the pipeline or “in process”. For example, returning to the above example, the supplier may have agreed to keep five of part A in process. Using the information related to demand, the supplier is able to see which orders are going to require part A and thus can schedule to maintain five of part A in process.

Please amend Paragraph 39 in the following manner:

With reference to Fig. 3, a method 300 for managing material 110 supplied to an assembly process using the SMD replenishment technique, according to an embodiment of the present invention, will ~~not~~ now be described. In a first process block 302, information associated with assembly demand of the material is provided. In a second process block 304, an actual demand for the material is established based on the view of assembly demand. In a third process block 306, an event or trigger is established or defined in the assembly process in response to the actual demand.